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Request for **LETTER OF INTEREST**

For FFY 2004 funding for Community Washeterias

The Denali Commission, in partnership with Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC) and Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation – Village Safe Water (VSW) may issue an RFP in December for the Washeteria Program.

The intent of the Denali Commission Washeteria Program is to assist with cost-shared and sustainable construction-ready projects, design-construct projects, or renovations of existing washeterias. Funding is not available for design-only projects. Awards, if any, will be made in time for the 2004 construction season.

The Denali Commission invites communities with the following eligibility characteristics (or organizations on behalf of eligible communities) to respond to this request for a Letter of Interest:

1. Facility is included in a comprehensive community plan.
2. Project proponent can demonstrate ownership or a long term lease for the site on which the facility will be built.
3. There is a suitable water source and a water disposal facility.
4. Community must be able to contribute at least 10 percent of the total project cost in the form of cash, land, materials, or labor.
5. Community has business plan to document ability to pay O&M.
(Business plan does not have to be completed in response to the solicitation of interest, but it will need to be completed prior to funding.)
6. Community is in good standing with IRS.
7. Washeteria is consistent with the Denali Commission Investment Policy.
8. Project will be "construction-ready" March 1, 2004.
9. VSW or ANTHC or other approved management organization will oversee construction.

Please respond to the Denali Commission by close of business Friday, November 25, 2003, indicating your interest in participating this year. The enclosed Authorization to Request Federal Tax information form must be returned with the Letter of Interest. The Denali Commission Draft Investment Policy is enclosed for your information.

For additional information or clarification, please contact Cindy Roberts, Washeteria Program Manager 907/271-3018.

We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,
Jeff Staser
Federal Co-Chair

Enclosures:

Authorization to Request Federal Tax Information
Denali Commission Investment Policy DRAFT